

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS
WEEK OF 03/08/18

Confirmed Dates:

Likely in March

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Likely in April

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Likely in May

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CLEAN AIR AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISION

Hot Issues:

Virgin Islands Issues Draft Minor Source Permit to Limetree Bay Terminals for Single Point Mooring Project: U.S. Virgin Islands DPNR issued a Draft Authority to Construct Permit to Limetree Bay Terminals (via March 4-5 Public Notice) – for the construction of the Single Point Mooring, Marine Vapor Control and Capture system and a Thermal Oxidizer. LBT stated in its application to the DPNR that these changes will not be PSD applicable (this is consistent with the approach allowed in the recent “Project Emissions Accounting” Memo from the Administrator Pruitt). As this is a PSD non-applicable permit action, we are not obligated to review the LBT application sent to the DPNR.

Limetree Bay Terminal (LBT), St. Croix, USVI: On 3/12/2018, Region 2 received comments from OGC and OAQPS on the draft LBT response letter we transmitted to HQ on 2/22/2018. The signatory has

been changed from John Filippelli to Bill Wehrum. We will review it with ORC and provide comments back to OAQPS.

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Past Week:

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CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

Hot Issues:

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Ongoing:

WATER:

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CLEAN WATER DIVISION

Past Week:

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Upcoming:

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Other Items of Special Interest:

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DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE

Hot Issues:

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Past Week:

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND ASSESSMENT

Past Week:

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EMERGENCY AND REMEDIAL RESPONSE DIVISION

Hot Issues:

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Past Week:

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Other Items of Special Interest:

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OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

No highlights this week.

OFFICE OF REGIONAL COUNSEL

Hot Issues:

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Past Week:

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EPA Administrator Issues Memorandum on Clean Air Act New Source Review “Project Emissions Accounting”. On March 13, 2018, Administrator Pruitt issued a memorandum that articulates EPA’s new interpretation of the Clean Air Act’s New Source Review (NSR) regulations. In particular, the memo changes the methodology for determining whether a facility is subject to NSR permitting requirements. Previously, the Agency opined that the NSR regulations preclude consideration of emissions decreases when initially determining whether a proposed project, by itself, would cause a significant increase in emissions (“Step 1”). Assuming that there was a significant emissions increase from the proposed project, emissions decreases could only be considered when evaluating whether contemporaneous increases and decreases resulted in a significant *net* emissions increase (“Step 2”). According to the March 13, 2018 memorandum, we can now consider emissions decreases from the proposed project in Step 1. This new approach is called “Project Emissions Accounting.” It will result in fewer sources becoming subject to the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permitting regulation, including the requirements to install Best Available Control Technology and conduct air quality analyses. Under the March 13, 2018 policy change, facilities that take advantage of project emissions accounting will, in general, not have to make the Step 1 decreases enforceable. The memorandum asks the EPA regional offices to share the new approach with their states and jurisdictions.

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PROGRAMS

Past Week:

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION

Hot Issues:

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Past Week:

News Releases for past week:

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Upcoming:

News Releases for next week or two:

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Other Items of Special Interest:

Events:

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